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offer an amendment at my request so that the language would be correct to do that.

SENATOR DUIS: All right, I will do it at the present time then. I would ask an amendment to the rule to any motion to amend a bill from the Appropriations Committee which appropriates funds of any nature...shall require a majority vote of the elected members.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move the adoption.

PRESIDENT: All right now, we are discussing the amendment to the rule change would...or which has been proposed. Senator Cavanaugh, do you want to speak on the amendment to the rule change at this time? Your light was on previously. Or do you want to pass for now? Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, yeah, I'd have a question of Senator Duis. Now as I understand the intent here, you want to restrict the practice of on General File tacking on appropriation amendments by 6-2 votes and things like that. Is that right?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, as I look at the appropriations bill now, there's....we've somewhat expanded the concept of the Appropriations Committee into also directing programs. It might seem to me that all you want to restrict is the appropriation of money and maybe that's all that we should have this amendment apply to. To amendments which would call for...for increase or decrease of funds. Rather than what....I don't know what you'd call....

SENATOR DUIS: I believe the amendment would do this because it speaks of appropriated funds. Now, you're talking about the programs, if you're talking about changing the wording of the programs and such as that, no, I'm not going to go that far at the present time because the amendment as it reads now is any bill that comes out appropriating funds and therefore would include this particular part. If-Senator Cavanaugh, I'm sure you were here during time when there's only a few people in here and I believe when we do strike things of great importance probably that even things of lesser importance that we should have more members present. We should have more votes regarding the amendments that go on the bill. But as it reads right now, it does not prohibit, that is, it does not include the change of the programs. It...if...that is it would require 25 votes for the programs as well as the money.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: So that it does change that?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, it would....it would....it would change it to 25 votes, yes, sir.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, I'm not sure that's desirable because.....

SENATOR DUIS: Then I would suggest that you talk against it but I would be in hopes this morning that we do it without the delay of too much time so I would appreciate your comments.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'm not going to talk against it. I just wanted to understand it.